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1 5. The computerized method of claim 4, further comprising:
2 repeating the accessing and selecting in response to subsequent user requests to
3 provide a new channel.

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1 6. An article comprising:
2 a storage medium; and
3 the storage medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions that, when
4 executed by a processor, result in accessing a user-definable preferences list that
5 identifies a plurality of identified channels from a plurality of different sources, and
6 selecting one of the plurality of channels for provision to a user.

1 7. The article of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the
2 processor, further result in providing, to the user, one or more of audio and video from a
3 source corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of identified channels.

1 8. The article of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the
2 processor, further result in accessing, to determine a component corresponding to the
3 selected one of the plurality of identified channels, a programming guide database that is
4 independent of the user-definable preferences list, and sending a signal to the component
5 to provide the selected channel.

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1 9. The article of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the
2 processor, further result in receiving a user request to provide a new channel, wherein the
3 accessing and the selecting are performed in response to the user request.

1 10. The article of claim 9, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the
2 processor, further result in repeating the accessing and selecting in response to subsequent
3 user requests to provide a new channel.

1 11. An apparatus comprising:
2 a storage device to store a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality
3 of channels from a plurality of different sources; and
4 a channel selection controller, coupled to the storage device, to access the user-
5 definable preferences list and select one of the plurality of identified channels for
6 provision to a user.

1 12. The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising:
2 a component controller coupled to the channel selection controller;
3 wherein the channel selection control is to send the selected one of the plurality of
4 identified channels to the component controller, and wherein the component controller is
5 to tune a corresponding component to provide, to the user, one or more of audio and
6 video from a source corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of identified
7 channels.

1 13. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the channel selection controller is further to:
2 access, to determine a component corresponding to the selected one of the
3 plurality of channels, a programming guide database that is independent of the user-
4 definable preferences list; and
5 send a signal to the component to provide the selected channel.

1 14. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the channel selection controller is further to:
2 receive a user request to provide a new channel; and
3 wherein the accessing and the selecting are performed in response to the user
4 request.

1 15. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the channel selection controller is further to
2 repeat the accessing and selecting in response to subsequent user requests to provide a
3 new channel.

Sub B4/ 1 16. An apparatus comprising:
2 means for storing a user-definable preferences list that identifies a plurality of
3 channels from a plurality of different sources; and
4 means, coupled to the storage device, for accessing the user-definable preferences
5 list and selecting one of the plurality of identified channels for provision to a user.

1 17. The apparatus of claim 16, further comprising:

2 means, coupled to the means for accessing and selecting, for controlling
3 components in an entertainment system; and
4 wherein the means for accessing and selecting is for sending the selected one of
5 the plurality of identified channels to the means for controlling, and wherein the means
6 for controlling is for tuning a corresponding component of the entertainment system to
7 provide, to the user, one or more of audio and video from a source corresponding to the
8 selected one of the plurality of identified channels.

Sub B5/ 1 18. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the means for accessing and selecting
2 includes:
3 means for accessing, to determine a component corresponding to the selected one
4 of the plurality of identified channels, a programming guide database that is independent
5 of the user-definable preferences list; and
6 means for send a signal to the component to provide the selected channel.

1 19. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the means for accessing and selecting
2 includes:
3 means for receiving a user request to provide a new channel; and
4 wherein the accessing and the selecting are performed in response to the user
5 request.

- 1 20. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the means for accessing and selecting includes
2 means for repeating the accessing and selecting in response to subsequent user requests to
3 provide a new channel.

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